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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE BOAT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

Approve the Fire Protection District's request and authorize the Purchasing Agent to proceed with the solicitation and acquisition of a fire boat. The fire boat, and necessary equipment contained therein, total approximately \$975,000. This purchase request exceeds the \$250,000 fixed asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the solicitation and acquisition process.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The District is recommending the replacement of Fire Boat 110 at Marina del Rey, which is over 30 years old. This boat has developed several maintenance and repair problems due to its extended use and needs to be replaced to maintain effective public safety services at Marina del Rey.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Goal #2 for Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the quality and productivity of the District's emergency services.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated cost of the boat is approximately \$975,000. Although the District's 2002-03 adopted budget includes sufficient funding for the purchase of the fire boat, the District is exploring other financing options, such as lease purchase or the use of the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing (LAC-CAL) Program to determine the most favorable and cost effective financing alternative. Maintenance of the boat will be funded from the District's operating budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The nature of the response requirements of current boat has dramatically changed over the 30-year period since it was built. As part of the LAX Air/Sea Disaster response plan requirement, Boat 110 has limited capabilities in this scenario. For example, with a plane down 30 miles off the coast and persons in the water, the estimated time of arrival to provide assistance in current boat would be approximately three hours. The new boat would reduce arrival time by one hour.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The new boat will be faster and better suited to its multiple mission, not only in the Marina, but in the ocean as well. The replacement of this boat is essential to the District's mission in this area.

CONCLUSION:

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors is requested to return adopted copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 S. Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, CA 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Division Chief
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 N. Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, CA 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

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Attachments

- c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department